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Subject: For Tom - would appreciate your blessing of a message to send the folks meeting on Pend Oreille this week in Washington

Tom – we would appreciate your review and approval of this message (from you) that would be conveyed at the EPA/HQ/State/Tribe meeting this Wednesday on the Pend Oreille TMDL.

Context

Given the tribes significant interest in HQ's review and views of the TMDL, we thought it would be beneficial for Jim Keating (who is attending the meeting for HQ this week) to carry a message from you that could be shared at the outset of the meeting/discussions. Purpose of the message would be to reinforce/signify how important the issue is to management at HQ. Also, a message from you would help equilibrate management levels of messaging at the meeting.

Draft Message) for your consideration

- We place significant value on bringing all parties to the table to present their issues and concerns. Mutual understanding is the key to crafting effective solutions.
- We've taken this issue very seriously, and devoted valuable staff time to discuss the relevant technical, policy, and legal considerations, in the context of our responsibility to both the state and the tribe.
- In collaboration with the Regional office, we really are seeking to identify a constructive path forward toward mutually satisfactory outcome.

Cheers

Eric